

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) A fixing assembly, comprising:
a fixing adapted for being mounted to a workpiece; and
a disc-shaped deformable piece secured to the fixing and being adapted for engaging an inner wall of a barrel of a fastener exit of a fastener-driving tool.
2. (original) The fixing assembly of claim 1, wherein the disc-shaped piece has a height and a width, the height being less than the width.
3. (original) The fixing assembly of claim 1, wherein the disc-shaped piece includes a substantially flat upper surface.
4. (currently amended) A method of attaching a fixing to a workpiece using a fastener-driving tool ~~of the type~~ having a magazine containing fasteners and a firing chamber having a barrel with an inner wall for discharging fasteners from a nosepiece of the fastener-driving tool, the method comprising:
providing a resilient member on the fixing;
securing the resilient member to the inner wall of the barrel at the nosepiece of the tool;
locating the fixing on the workpiece;
advancing a fastener into the firing chamber; and
driving the fastener into the fixing, thereby securing the fixing to the workpiece.
5. (currently amended) The method of claim 4, wherein the securing step includes frictionally engaging the resilient member with the inner wall of the barrel at the nosepiece so as to retain the fixing thereto ~~by frictional forces.~~
6. (currently amended) The method of claim 5, wherein the ~~securing step further includes~~ engaging the resilient member portion is press-fit into the ~~with an~~ inner wall of the barrel at the nosepiece.

7. (currently amended) The method of claim 4, wherein the providing step further includes providing an aperture in the fixing and ~~for~~ securing a portion of the resilient member through the aperture thereto.

8. (currently amended) A fixing assembly, comprising:
a fixing adapted for being mounted to a workpiece; and
a resilient member having a first portion secured to the fixing, and a second portion adapted for frictional engagement with an inner wall of a barrel ~~a fastener-ejection portion~~ of a fastener-driving tool, the resilient member having a width and a height wherein the ratio of the height to the width is less than unity.

9. (original) The fixing assembly of claim 8, wherein the second portion approximates a disc.

10. (currently amended) The fixing assembly of claim 9, wherein the disc has a diameter that is greater than an inner ~~entrance~~ diameter of the barrel ~~fastener-ejection portion~~.

11. (original) The fixing assembly of claim 8, wherein the fixing includes an aperture for receiving the first portion of the resilient member.

12. (original) The fixing assembly of claim 8, wherein the fixing is a washer.

13. (new) The fixing assembly of claim 8, wherein the fixing has a non-circular shape.

14. (new) The fixing assembly of claim 13, wherein the fixing is a clip.

15. (new) The fixing assembly of claim 8, wherein the resilient member is made of a plastically deformable material.

16. (new) The fixing assembly of claim 8, wherein the second portion of the resilient member further comprises a plurality of deformable arms.

17. (new) The fixing assembly of claim 8, wherein the fixing further comprises an aperture and at least part of the first portion of the resilient member extends through the aperture.

18. (new) The fixing assembly of claim 17, wherein the first portion of the resilient member includes an enlarged tip that engages a lower surface of the fixing.

19. (new) The fixing assembly of claim 8, wherein the first portion of the resilient member is attached to a top surface of the fixing with an adhesive.

20. (new) The fixing assembly of claim 8, wherein the resilient member is a cupped disc.